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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S.

ACCUSE PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OF REPRESSION

DEPARTMENT PASS AT DISCRETION TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

1. AT REQUEST OF JAY CARLISLE, ATTORNEY FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE (IPS), A U.S. CORPORATION, POL COUNSELOR TODAY MET WITH CARLISLE AND AN IPS CORRESPONDENT WHO SAYS HE IS SON OF U.S. AMBASSADOR RICHARD SNEIDER. CARLISLE SAYS IPS IS AFFILIATE OF INTERNATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES WHICH HAS OFFICES IN U.S., EUROPE, MEXICO CITY AND ELSEWHERE. ACCORDING TO CARLISLE AND SNEIDER, MEXICO CITY OFFICE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLET BEFORE MARCH 14 VISIT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (AT WHICH ECHEVERRIA WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED). LEAFLET CHARGED THAT ECHEVERRIA VISIT TO UNIVERSITY WAS PROVOCATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO REPRESSION OF MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND LEFT IN GENERAL; ACCORDING TO SNEIDER LEAFLET DID NOT, HOWEVER, CALL FOR VIOLENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO CARLISLE AND SNEIDER, MEXICO CITY REPRESENTATIVES IF IPS, CARLOS DE HOYOS AND CARLOS MENDEZ, WERE ARRESTED (SNEIDER INSISTED ON CALLING IT "KIDNAPPED") BY MEXICAN FEDERAL POLICE ON MARCH 24 AND 25 RESPECTIVELY. BOTH DE HOYOS AND MENDEZ ARE MEXICAN CITIZENS. CARLISLE SAID IPS OFFICES HERE WERE "RANSACKED", ALL FILES, REMOVED, TELEPHONE RIPPED OUT. CARLISLE WAS RETAINED BY IPS IN  
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US TO COME TO MEXICO CITY AND INVESTIGATE. HE SAYS IPS

OFFICES AND AFFILIATES IN MANY CAPITALS HAVE PROTESTED TO MEXICAN EMBASSIES.

3. SNEIDER AND CARLISLE GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY AT 1700 HOURS TODAY. THEY SAY AP, LA TIMES REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED AS WELL AS REPORTERS FROM MAJOR MEXICAN PAPERS. SNEIDER SAID, WITH SOME APPARENT SATISFACTION, THAT AT PRESS CONFERENCE HE HAD REFERRED TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AS A "DOG" AND AN AGENT OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. HE CHARGED THAT THE CIA HAD "ORDERED" ECHEVERRIA TO CARRY OUT THE ARRESTS OF IPS REPRESENTATIVES CITED ABOVE.

4. CARLISLE SAID HE HAD COME TO POL COUNSELOR BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY OF SNEIDER AND TO ASK FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERING IPS PROPERTY ALLEGEDLY TAKEN BY MEXICAN POLICE. SNEIDER REFUSES TO LEAVE MEXICO "UNTIL DE HOYOS RELEASED." (SNEIDER IS APPARENTLY IN POSSESSION OF US REGULAR PASSPORT BUT ENTERED MEXICO ON TOURIST CARD.) POL COUNSELOR UNDERSTOOD BUT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT SNEIDER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AT PRESS CONFERENCE AS SON OF A US AMBASSADOR.

5. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON IPS OR ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION BUT IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT MEXICO CITY OFFICE, AT LEAST, HAS CLOSE TIES WITH MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY. EMBASSY LEARNED SOME DAYS AGO THAT MEXICAN POLICE ARE, INDEED, INVESTIGATING EVENTS OF MARCH 14 AT UNIVERSITY AND WE THINK IT SAFE TO ASSUME THAT DE HOYOS AND MENDEZ WERE PICKED UP BECAUSE OF LEAFLET CITED ABOVE, IF NOTHING ELSE.

6. POL COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT USG OBVIOUSLY CANNOT INTERVENE IN CASE OF ARRESTS OF MEXICAN CITIZENS BY MEXICAN POLICE AND IN ANY EVENT USG WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO DO SO. WITH RESPECT TO IPS PROPERTY, SUGGESTED THAT IPS FOLLOW CUSTOMARY ROUTINE OF CONSULAR WELFARE AND PROTECTION OFFICE IF PROPERTY IS US-OWNED. EMBOFF POINTED OUT TO SNEIDER THAT IF HE HAS NOT VIOLATED MEXICAN LAW, HE HAS NOTHING TO FEAR, BUT THAT HE HAS NO IMMUNITY FROM ARREST AND EMBASSY CANNOT PROVIDE ADVANCE GUARANTEE OF UNSPECIFIED "PROTECTION".

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7. COMMENT: SNEIDER SEEMS TO BE RABID "TRUE BELIEVER" IN CULPABILITY OF CIA "REPRESSION" IN MEXICO, EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, AND ELSEWHERE IN WORLD. POL COUNSELOR UNABLE TO GET THROUGH TO HIM ON ANY MEANINGFUL LEVEL TO URGE HIS IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE. FACT THAT HE IS SON OF AMBASSADOR SNEIDER (DEPARTMENT PLEASE VERIFY) IF PUBLICIZED COULD CONCEIVABLY BE LINKED BY ANTI-US GROUPS

HERE AS SOMEHOW CONFIRMING ECHEVERRIA'S MARCH 14  
ALLEGATIONS THAT CIA WAS "MANIPULATING" STUDENTS AT  
UNIVERSITY.  
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